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AN ACT

REPEALING SECTIONS 41-1517 AND 41-1517.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3019.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 42-2003, 42-5009, 43-1075, 43-1075.01, 43-1163 AND 43-1163.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO MOTION PICTURE TAX INCENTIVES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
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Section 1. Repeal

Sections 41-1517 and 41-1517.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, are repealed.

Sec. 2. Title 41, chapter 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding article 3, to read:

ARTICLE 3. ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL

41-531. Definitions

IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT" MEANS AN ADVERTISING MESSAGE DESIGNED FOR DELIVERY THROUGH EITHER:
- (a) A MOTION PICTURE FILM OR VIDEO MEDIUM TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF CONSUMERS OR INFLUENCE CONSUMERS' FEELINGS TOWARD A PARTICULAR PRODUCT. SERVICE, EVENT OR CAUSE.
- (b) STILL PHOTOGRAPHY THAT IS USED IN NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL PRINT MEDIA TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF CONSUMERS OR INFLUENCE CONSUMERS' FEELINGS TOWARD A PARTICULAR PRODUCT, SERVICE, EVENT OR CAUSE.
 - 2. "COUNCIL" MEANS THE ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL.
 - 3. "MOTION PICTURE":
- (a) MEANS A SINGLE MEDIUM OR MULTIMEDIA PROGRAM, INCLUDING A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT. MUSIC VIDEO OR TELEVISION SERIES. THAT:
- (i) MAY INCLUDE FILM, MAGNETIC TAPE OR DIGITAL MEDIA AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY IMAGES.
- (ii) IS CREATED BY PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN THIS STATE.
 - (iii) CAN BE VIEWED OR REPRODUCED.
- (iv) IS INTENDED FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION OR LICENSING IN THE DELIVERY MEDIUM USED.
- (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PRODUCTION FEATURING ACTUAL NEWS, CURRENT EVENTS, WEATHER, LOCALLY PRODUCED AND LOCALLY BROADCAST TELEVISION PRODUCTIONS, FINANCIAL MARKET REPORTS, CONCERTS, INTERNET BROADCASTS, TALK SHOWS AND INTERVIEWS, GAME SHOWS, SPORTING EVENTS, AWARD OR OTHER GALA EVENTS, A PRODUCTION WHOSE SOLE PURPOSE IS FUND-RAISING, A PRODUCTION USED FOR CORPORATE OR ORGANIZATIONAL TRAINING OR IN-HOUSE CORPORATE ADVERTISING OR OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES.
- 4. "MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY" OR "PRODUCTION COMPANY" MEANS ANY PERSON THAT IS PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF PRODUCING MOTION PICTURES AND THAT HAS A PHYSICAL BUSINESS OFFICE AND BANK ACCOUNT IN THIS STATE.
 - 41-532. Arizona film office advisory council
- A. THE ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS ESTABLISHED IN THE 42 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:

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- 1. FOUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ASSOCIATED WITH BROAD AREAS OF FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA AND MOTION PICTURE MAKING, PRODUCTION OF TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS, AND RELATED INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE.
- 2. ONE MEMBER WHO IS FROM A FILM, TELEVISION, DIGITAL MEDIA OR RELATED INDUSTRY UNION.
- 3. ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS LOCAL FILM OFFICES OR LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.
- 4. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED FROM A LIST OF THREE OR MORE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
- 5. ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED FROM A LIST OF THREE OR MORE NOMINEES SUBMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.
- 6. TWO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WHO ARE NOT ACTIVE IN FILM, TELEVISION, DIGITAL MEDIA OR RELATED INDUSTRIES.
- B. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IS FOUR YEARS, EXCEPT THAT:
 - 1. OF THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT:
 - (a) THREE MEMBERS TO TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.
 - (b) THREE MEMBERS TO TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.
 - (c) TWO MEMBERS TO TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.
 - (d) TWO MEMBERS TO TERMS EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.
- 2. IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COUNCIL OTHER THAN BY EXPIRATION OF A TERM, THE VACANCY SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM.
- C. THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL TO SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR. THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MAY ELECT A VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AS THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE. THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES PER FISCAL YEAR AND AT ADDITIONAL TIMES AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON.
 - D. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:
- 1. SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES AS PROVIDED BY TITLE 38, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2.
- 2. ARE SUBJECT TO TITLE 38, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 8, RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, INCLUDING THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY SECTION 38-510.
- E. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE AUTHORIZATION, THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS UNDER SECTION 41-533, SUBSECTION J IS ALLOCATED EACH YEAR TO THE COUNCIL FOR UP TO SIX FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS DEDICATED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE. IF THE INCOME TAX CREDITS TERMINATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-533, SUBSECTION A OR SECTION 41-534, SUBSECTION A, THE AUTHORIZATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND ANY POSITIONS DEDICATED FOR THOSE PURPOSES ALSO TERMINATE. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF SUPPORT TO THE COUNCIL.
- F. IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS ARTICLE, THE COUNCIL MAY:

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- 1. ADVISE THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW TO PROMOTE AND MARKET THIS STATE'S LOCATIONS, CREWS, FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL PRODUCTION FACILITIES AND OTHER SERVICES USED BY FILM, TELEVISION, DIGITAL MEDIA AND RELATED INDUSTRIES.
- 2. ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY AND STATE FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION IN, AND COORDINATION WITH, STATE EFFORTS TO ATTRACT FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA, TELEVISION AND RELATED PRODUCTION TO THIS STATE.
- 3. ASSIST IN PROMOTING, ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA, TELEVISION AND RELATED PRODUCTION IN THIS STATE.
- 4. DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND METHODS TO ATTRACT FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA, TELEVISION AND RELATED BUSINESS TO THIS STATE.
- 5. ASSIST FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA, TELEVISION AND RELATED SERVICE PERSONNEL WHO USE THIS STATE AS A BUSINESS LOCATION.
- 6. SPONSOR AND SUPPORT OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS FOR FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA, TELEVISION AND RELATED INDUSTRIES.
- 7. ASSIST IN ESTABLISHING FILM, DIGITAL MEDIA AND TELEVISION VENTURES AND APPROPRIATE RELATED MATTERS.
- 8. MAKE INQUIRIES, STUDIES AND INVESTIGATIONS, HOLD HEARINGS AND RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. THE COUNCIL MAY ALSO CONSULT WITH OUTSIDE EXPERTS IN ORDER TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, INCLUDING EXPERTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ORGANIZED LABOR, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- 9. PROVIDE OTHER ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL UNDER THIS ARTICLE AS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNOR.
- G. DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COUNCIL ARE SUBJECT TO TITLE 39, CHAPTER 1, RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS, EXCEPT THAT A DOCUMENT MAY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DATE A REQUEST TO INSPECT OR COPY THE DOCUMENT IS RECEIVED IF, IN THE CHAIRPERSON'S JUDGMENT, DISCLOSURE WOULD COMPROMISE OR OTHERWISE UNDERMINE THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF THIS STATE TO PROMOTE AND MARKET ITS LOCATIONS, CREWS, FACILITIES, TECHNICAL PRODUCTION AND OTHER SERVICES.
- H. NOT LATER THAN APRIL 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE AND PUBLISH A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COUNCIL SHALL MAKE COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST.
- I. THE COUNCIL, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PUBLISH AND PRESCRIBE FORMS AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 41-533 AND 41-534.
 - 41-533. Motion picture production tax incentives; definitions
- A. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL QUALIFY MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES THAT PRODUCE ONE OR MORE MOTION PICTURES IN THIS STATE FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

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- 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION K OF THIS SECTION, A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY MUST SPEND AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TOWARD PRODUCTION COSTS IN THIS STATE PRODUCING EACH MOTION PICTURE.
- 2. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, PRODUCTION COSTS ARE LIMITED TO AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- (a) SALARIES AND OTHER COMPENSATION FOR TALENT, MANAGEMENT AND LABOR PAID TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE, AS DEFINED BY SECTION 43-104.
 - (b) A STORY AND SCENARIO TO BE USED FOR A MOTION PICTURE.
- (c) SET CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS, WARDROBE, PROPS, ACCESSORIES AND RELATED SERVICES IN THIS STATE. EXPENSES PAID FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ARE LIMITED TO CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER TITLE 32, CHAPTER 10.
- (d) PHOTOGRAPHY, SOUND SYNCHRONIZATION, LIGHTING AND RELATED COSTS INCURRED IN THIS STATE.
 - (e) EDITING AND RELATED SERVICES PERFORMED IN THIS STATE.
 - (f) RENTAL OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IN THIS STATE.
 - (g) CATERED FOOD, DRINK AND CONDIMENT PURCHASED IN THIS STATE.
- (h) OTHER DIRECT IN-STATE COSTS OF PRODUCING THE MOTION PICTURE, PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT FOLLOW GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY.
- (i) PAYMENTS FOR PENALTIES AND FINES DO NOT QUALIFY AS PRODUCTION COSTS.
- (j) EXPENSES INCURRED BEFORE THE DATE OF NOTICE OF PREAPPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION DO NOT QUALIFY AS PRODUCTION COSTS.
- 3. AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY OR ITS AUTHORIZED PAYROLL SERVICE COMPANY WORKING IN THIS STATE IN ITS PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
- 4. A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. AN APPLICATION IS COMPLETE ON RECEIPT OF ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION.
- 5. A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY MUST INCLUDE IN THE CREDITS FOR EACH MOTION PICTURE, OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT OR MUSIC VIDEO, AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE PRODUCTION WAS FILMED IN ARIZONA.
- B. ONLY A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT DEMONSTRATES THAT IT HAS THE LAWFUL RIGHT TO PRODUCE A PARTICULAR PRODUCTION MAY APPLY FOR QUALIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION WITH RESPECT TO THAT PRODUCTION.
- C. A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY INITIALLY APPLYING FOR QUALIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REPORT THE FOLLOWING TO THE COUNCIL ON A FORM AND IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNCIL, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE:
- 1. THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE OF THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY.
- 2. THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL MAINTAIN RECORDS OF EXPENDITURES IN THIS STATE.
- 3. THE PROJECTED FIRST PREPRODUCTION DATE AND LAST PRODUCTION DATE IN THIS STATE.

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- 4. THE PRODUCTION OFFICE ADDRESS AND OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER IN THIS STATE.
 - 5. THE ESTIMATED TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PRODUCTION.
 - 6. THE ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN THIS STATE.
 - 7. THE ESTIMATED TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF THE PRODUCTION TAKING PLACE IN THIS STATE.
 - 8. THE ESTIMATED LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT OF RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE IN THE CAST AND CREW.
 - 9. A SCRIPT, INCLUDING A SYNOPSIS, THE PROPOSED DIRECTOR AND A PRELIMINARY LIST OF THE CAST AND PRODUCER, EXCEPT THAT, WITH RESPECT TO A TELEVISION SERIES, OTHER THAN A PILOT PRODUCTION, IN LIEU OF A SCRIPT THE APPLICANT MUST INCLUDE:
 - (a) A SYNOPSIS OF THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE SERIES.
 - (b) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARACTERS AND THE INTENDED NATURE OF THEIR INTERACTION WITH EACH OTHER.
 - (c) A DESCRIPTION OF THE LOCATIONS.
 - (d) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SETS.
 - (e) THE INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OR BROADCAST MEDIUM WITH SPECIFIC TELEVISION CHANNELS, IF KNOWN.
 - 10. AN AFFIRMATION SIGNED BY ANY PERSON WHO WILL BE CREDITED ON SCREEN AS THE PRODUCER OR PRODUCERS OF THE MOTION PICTURE, NOT INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS, ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS, ASSISTANT PRODUCERS OR LINE PRODUCERS. THAT:
 - (a) THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY AGREES TO FURNISH RECORDS OF EXPENDITURES IN THIS STATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON REQUEST.
 - (b) ANY ITEMS PURCHASED WITH A CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 42-5009, SUBSECTION H ARE INTENDED FOR USE BY THE APPLICANT DIRECTLY IN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION.
 - D. THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY SATISFIES ALL OF THE CRITERIA PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE COUNCIL QUALIFIES AND PREAPPROVES A COMPANY FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES. THIS PROCESS SHALL PREAPPROVE A COMPANY FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES BASED ON PRIORITY PLACEMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE DATE THAT THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY FILED ITS INITIAL APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION WITH THE COUNCIL.
 - E. THE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A SITE VISIT TO VERIFY THAT PRODUCTION HAS BEGUN. WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE COMPANY'S INITIAL APPLICATION IS PREAPPROVED, THE COMPANY MUST SUBMIT NOTICE TO THE COUNCIL THAT PRODUCTION HAS BEGUN AND PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. A COPY OF A CONTRACT, LOAN OUT AGREEMENT OR DEAL MEMO WITH A CAMERAMAN AND CREW.
 - 2. A COPY OF THE CREW CALL SHEET FOR THE FIRST DAY OF PRODUCTION.

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- 3. EVIDENCE THAT RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE HAVE BEEN PAID A TOTAL OF AT LEAST FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR WORK ON THE PREAPPROVED MOTION PICTURE.
- 4. A COPY OF A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PREAPPROVED MOTION PICTURE.
- F. PREAPPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION LAPSES, THE APPLICATION IS VOID AND THE AMOUNT OF THE PREAPPROVED INCENTIVES DOES NOT APPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION IF, WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE COUNCIL PREAPPROVES THE COMPANY, THE COMPANY FAILS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF EITHER:
 - 1. ITS EXPENDITURE IN THIS STATE OF THE LESSER OF:
- (a) TEN PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL STATE BUDGET OF THE PRODUCTION.
 - (b) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- 2. A COMPLETION BOND, EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PRODUCTION, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE MOTION PICTURE FOR WHICH THE COMPANY WAS PREAPPROVED. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "COMPLETION BOND" MEANS AN EXECUTED WRITTEN CONTRACT, ISSUED BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY WITH AN INSURANCE INDUSTRY RATING OF B+ OR BETTER BY A.M. BEST COMPANY GUARANTYING TO THE FINANCIERS OF THE PROJECT THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE PREAPPROVED APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE PRODUCTION COMPANY IN ITS APPLICATION.
- G. THE PREAPPROVED AMOUNT APPLIES AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INITIAL PREAPPROVAL PERIOD EXTENDS INTO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS. BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE INITIAL PREAPPROVAL OR REQUALIFICATION PERIOD, A COMPANY MAY VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH UNUSED CREDIT AMOUNTS.
- H. THE COUNCIL SHALL REALLOCATE THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THAT IS VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISHED UNDER SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION, THAT LAPSES UNDER SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION OR THAT LAPSES UNDER SUBSECTION O OF THIS SECTION. THE REALLOCATION SHALL BE TO OTHER MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES THAT APPLIED IN THE ORIGINAL CREDIT YEAR BASED ON PRIORITY PLACEMENT. THE AMOUNT OF THE REALLOCATED CREDITS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT OF THE ORIGINAL CREDIT YEAR REGARDLESS OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE REALLOCATION OCCURS. IF FOR ANY YEAR AN UNUSED BALANCE OCCURS IN THE INCOME TAX CREDITS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE DOLLAR LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. THE BALANCE SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES THAT SUCCESSFULLY APPEAL THE DENIAL OF APPROVAL UNDER THIS SECTION OR SECTION 41-534. ANY AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS DUE TO SUCCESSFUL APPEALS THAT ARE NOT PAID FROM AN UNUSED BALANCE IN ANY YEAR SHALL BE PAID AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- 2. ANY REMAINING UNUSED BALANCE SHALL BE REALLOCATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

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- I. AN APPROVED CREDIT OFFSETS TAX LIABILITY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT WAS ORIGINALLY ALLOCATED OR ANY SUBSEQUENT TAXABLE YEAR WITHIN THE APPLICABLE CARRYFORWARD PERIOD PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1075, SUBSECTION G OR SECTION 43-1163, SUBSECTION G. THE CREDITS MUST BE CLAIMED ON A TIMELY FILED ORIGINAL INCOME TAX RETURN, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS.
- J. SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 41-532, SUBSECTION E, SECTION 41-534 AND SUBSECTION K OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT PREAPPROVE INCOME TAX CREDITS EXCEEDING A TOTAL OF:
- 1. FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2008, ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS FOR A SINGLE YEAR.
- 2. FROM AND AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2009, NINE MILLION DOLLARS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL MOTION PICTURE APPLICATION.
- K. THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT AND MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION:
- 1. FIVE PER CENT OF THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS PRESCRIBED FOR ANY YEAR BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION IS RESERVED FOR USE WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT AND MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION.
- 2. A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT OR MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION COMPANY MAY APPLY FOR QUALIFICATION UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION BEFORE THE COMPANY REACHES THE MINIMUM EXPENDITURE THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION.
- 3. IN LIEU OF A SCRIPT UNDER SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 9 OF THIS SECTION. THE APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A SYNOPSIS OR STORYBOARD THAT:
- (a) IDENTIFIES THE PRODUCT, SERVICE, PERSON OR EVENT FOR A COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT OR THE ARTIST AND SONG FOR A MUSIC VIDEO.
 - (b) DESCRIBES THE GENERAL CONTENT OR MESSAGE TO BE CONVEYED.
 - (c) DESCRIBES THE LOCATION OR LOCATIONS.
 - (d) DESCRIBES THE SETS.
- (e) DESCRIBES THE INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OR MEDIUM AND SPECIFIC CHANNELS, IF KNOWN.
- 4. THE COUNCIL MUST REVIEW THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITHIN FIFTEEN BUSINESS DAYS.
- 5. EXPENSES INCURRED BEFORE THE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION DO NOT QUALIFY AS PRODUCTION COSTS.
- 6. THE COUNCIL SHALL ALLOCATE THE INCOME TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES BASED ON PRIORITY PLACEMENT ESTABLISHED BY THE DATE THAT THE COMPANY FILES ITS APPLICATION AND BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE OF ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENDITURES IN THIS STATE ALLOWED AS A CREDIT UNDER SECTION 43-1075 OR 43-1163.
- 7. WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER APPLYING UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, A COMPANY THAT IS PREAPPROVED FOR A SPECIFIC PRODUCTION MUST NOTIFY AND PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF EXPENDITURES TO THE COUNCIL OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ELIGIBLE PRODUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRODUCTION.
- 8. THE COMPANY IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INCOME TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES UNTIL THE COMPANY'S ELIGIBLE PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES REACH TWO HUNDRED FIFTY

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THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A PERIOD OF TWELVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS. WHEN THE COMPANY REACHES THAT THRESHOLD, THE COMPANY MAY APPLY TO THE COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE INCOME TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION O OF THIS SECTION. APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF INCOME TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES MAY NOT BE SUBMITTED BY THE SAME COMPANY MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE A CALENDAR MONTH.

- 9. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PRESCRIBE FORMS AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- L. EXCEPT FOR APPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT AND MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION K OF THIS SECTION, AFTER OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, IF THE COUNCIL HAS PREAPPROVED THE MAXIMUM CALENDAR YEAR TAX CREDIT AMOUNT PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT INITIAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. THE PREAPPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR. THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT INITIAL APPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT AND MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION K OF THIS SECTION ONLY DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDITS WOULD BE ALLOTTED.
- M. SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION O OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL DENY AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED ON COMPLETION OF THE PRODUCTION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION O OF THIS SECTION IF IT DETERMINES THAT:
- 1. THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY DOES NOT MEET ALL OF THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.
 - 2. THE PRODUCTION WOULD CONSTITUTE AN OBSCENE MOTION PICTURE.
- N. ON THE COUNCIL'S DETERMINATION THAT A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY QUALIFIES FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES, THE COUNCIL SHALL ISSUE THE COMPANY A WRITTEN LETTER OF QUALIFICATION AND TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. A LETTER OF QUALIFICATION IS EFFECTIVE FOR TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AS STATED IN THE LETTER.
- O. ON COMPLETION OF THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION, A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT QUALIFIES FOR THE MOTION PICTURE TAX INCENTIVES SHALL APPLY TO THE COUNCIL IN WRITING FOR APPROVAL OF INCOME TAX CREDITS, SUBMIT A VIEWABLE COPY OF THE MOTION PICTURE, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION P OF THIS SECTION, AND CERTIFY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ELIGIBLE PRODUCTION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT. THE COUNCIL SHALL PROVIDE APPROVAL TO A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT IT HAS MET THE ELIGIBLITY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY MAY CLAIM THE TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1075 OR 43-1163. IF THE ELIGIBLE PRODUCTION COSTS ACTUALLY SPENT ARE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT PREAPPROVED FOR INCOME TAX CREDITS, THE PREAPPROVED AMOUNT NOT INCURRED LAPSES AND DOES NOT APPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION J OF THIS SECTION FOR THAT YEAR.
- P. A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY MAY APPLY FOR POSTAPPROVAL OF THE PRODUCTION UNDER SUBSECTION O OF THIS SECTION BEFORE A VIEWABLE COPY OF THE PRODUCTION IS AVAILABLE. TO DO SO, THE COMPANY MUST SUBMIT WITH ITS

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APPLICATION A LETTER OF CREDIT, PAYABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, PROVIDING THAT WITHIN TWO BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE ISSUER RECEIVES A WRITTEN DETERMINATION FROM THE COUNCIL THAT THE PRODUCTION FAILS TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX CREDITS THE ISSUER WILL PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THE FULL FACE VALUE OF THE INCOME TAX CREDITS IN THE APPLICATION. IF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DRAWS ON THE LETTER OF CREDIT, THE MONIES SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO AND HELD IN AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT PENDING THE FINAL OUTCOME OF AN APPEAL, IF ANY. THE LETTER OF CREDIT MAY BE RELEASED ON THE DETERMINATION BY THE COUNCIL THAT THE COMPLETED PRODUCTION QUALIFIES FOR THE TAX CREDITS.

- Q. IF A PREAPPROVED MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY FAILS TO UNDERTAKE PRODUCTION, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION, AND ALSO FAILS TO VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH THE UNUSED CREDIT AMOUNTS FOR REALLOCATION BY THE COUNCIL AS PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION WITHIN THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD, THE COMPANY AND ALL PERSONS SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR PREAPPROVAL ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM RECEIVING, OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY THAT APPLIES FOR OR RECEIVES, TAX INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION.
 - R. THE COUNCIL SHALL:
- 1. KEEP ANNUAL RECORDS OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON APPLICATIONS FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES. THESE RECORDS SHALL REFLECT A PERCENTAGE COMPARISON OF THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF MONIES EXEMPTED OR CREDITED TO QUALIFYING MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES TO THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF MONIES SPENT ON IN-STATE PRODUCTION COSTS BY MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES.
- 2. MAINTAIN ANNUAL DATA ON GROWTH IN ARIZONA-BASED MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY COMPANIES AND MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES.
 - S. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. "MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX INCENTIVES" MEANS THE TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE AND USE TAXES LISTED IN SECTION 42-5009, SUBSECTION H AND THE CREDIT AGAINST INCOME TAXES PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 43-1075 OR 43-1163.
- 2. "MUSIC VIDEO" MEANS A FILMED OR VIDEOTAPED RENDITION OF A SONG OR SONGS, PORTRAYING MUSICIANS PERFORMING THE SONG OR OTHER VISUAL IMAGES SET TO THE LYRICS OF THE SONG.
- 3. "TELEVISION SERIES" MEANS A GROUP OF PRODUCTIONS THAT IS CREATED OR ADAPTED FOR TELEVISION BROADCAST WITH A COMMON SERIES TITLE, THAT IS RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN SUBJECT OR THEME, THAT IS PRODUCED SEASONALLY FOR APPEARING AT SCHEDULED INTERVALS, BUT SUBJECT TO DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING DECISIONS, AND WITH OR WITHOUT A PREDETERMINED NUMBER OF EPISODES. TELEVISION SERIES INCLUDES A PILOT PRODUCTION FOR THE PROMOTION OR INTRODUCTION OF A TELEVISION SERIES.
 - 41-534. <u>Motion picture infrastructure tax incentives;</u> definitions
- A. THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CERTIFY MOTION PICTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THIS STATE FOR THE

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PURPOSE OF TAX CREDITS UNDER SECTION 43-1075.01 OR 43-1163.01. TO QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION:

- 1. A PERSON MUST APPLY TO THE COUNCIL. THE APPLICANT MUST BE THE PERSON WHO WILL OWN AND OPERATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AND MAY BE A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY. THE APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:
 - (a) THE APPLICANT'S NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION.
 - (b) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.
 - (c) A PRELIMINARY BUDGET.
- (d) AN OUTLINE OF HOW THE PROJECT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
 - (e) THE PROJECTED START AND COMPLETION DATES.
- (f) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PRIME CONTRACTOR, IF KNOWN.
 - (g) A COPY OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, IF AVAILABLE.
 - (h) AN AFFIRMATION SIGNED BY AN EXECUTIVE REPRESENTING THE APPLICANT THAT:
 - (i) THE APPLICANT AGREES TO FURNISH RECORDS OF EXPENDITURES ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THIS STATE TO THE COUNCIL ON REQUEST.
 - (ii) ANY ITEMS INCLUDED IN ITS BASE INVESTMENT ARE INTENDED FOR USE BY THE APPLICANT DIRECTLY IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.
 - 2. IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR A SOUNDSTAGE, AFTER THE DATE THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MUST SPEND AT LEAST:
 - (a) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THIS STATE DIRECTLY ON PROJECT EXPENSES WITHIN NINETY DAYS.
 - (b) AN ADDITIONAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS STATE DIRECTLY ON PROJECT EXPENSES WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS.
 - (c) A TOTAL OF AT LEAST FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS STATE DIRECTLY ON PROJECT EXPENSES WITHIN THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.
 - 3. IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR SUPPORT AND AUGMENTATION FACILITIES, AFTER THE DATE THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MUST SPEND AT LEAST:
 - (a) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THIS STATE DIRECTLY ON PROJECT EXPENSES WITHIN NINETY DAYS.
 - (b) A TOTAL OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN THIS STATE DIRECTLY ON PROJECT EXPENSES WITHIN THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.
 - B. WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION, THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW EACH COMPLETE APPLICATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT SATISFIES ALL OF THE CRITERIA REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION. THE COUNCIL MAY CONDUCT A SITE VISIT AS PART OF THE REVIEW PROCESS. THIS PROCESS SHALL APPROVE AN APPLICANT FOR TAX CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION BASED ON:
- PRIORITY PLACEMENT FOR CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION ESTABLISHED BY THE DATE THE APPLICANT FILED ITS INITIAL APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

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- 2. THE AVAILABILITY OF TAX CREDIT AMOUNTS UNDER THE DOLLAR LIMITS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.
- C. SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 41-533, SUBSECTION J, THE COUNCIL SHALL NOT CERTIFY INCOME TAX CREDITS UNDER THIS SECTION, COMPUTED AS FIFTEEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT, EXCEEDING A TOTAL OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS.
- D. AFTER OCTOBER 31 OF EACH YEAR, IF THE COUNCIL HAS PREAPPROVED THE MAXIMUM DOLLAR AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, THE COUNCIL MAY ACCEPT INITIAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR. THE PREAPPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR.
- E. PREAPPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION LAPSES, THE APPLICATION IS VOID AND THE AMOUNT OF THE PREAPPROVED INCENTIVES DOES NOT APPLY AGAINST THE DOLLAR LIMIT PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION IF:
- 1. WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE COUNCIL PREAPPROVES THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT FAILS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF:
 - (a) ITS EXPENDITURE IN THIS STATE OF THE LESSER OF:
 - (i) TEN PER CENT OF THE ESTIMATED TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT AMOUNT.
 - (ii) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- (b) A SURETY BOND EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT AMOUNT FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION WAS PREAPPROVED.
- 2. FOR SOUNDSTAGE PROJECTS, WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE COUNCIL PREAPPROVES THE APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT FAILS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF:
- (a) TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN THIS STATE OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
- (b) A SURETY BOND EQUAL TO THE ESTIMATED TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT AMOUNT FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION WAS PREAPPROVED.
- F. ON COMPLETION OF THE MOTION PICTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, AN APPLICANT THAT HAS BEEN PREAPPROVED FOR INCOME TAX CREDITS MUST APPLY TO THE COUNCIL IN WRITING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT IN THE PROJECT. IF THE APPLICANT HAS MET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL:
- 1. APPROVE THE TOTAL BASE INVESTMENT AMOUNT, BUT THE CALCULATED INCOME TAX CREDIT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE PREAPPROVED AMOUNT UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 2. NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT THE APPLICANT MAY CLAIM THE INCOME TAX CREDITS PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1075.01 OR 43-1163.01 IN THE AMOUNT DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- G. THE COMPANY AND ALL PERSONS SIGNING THE APPLICATION FOR PREAPPROVAL MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RECEIVING FUTURE TAX CREDITS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IF, WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF POSTAPPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT FAILS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THAT INCLUDES:
- 1. A LIST OF ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTIONS CONDUCTED AT THE PROJECT IN THE TWELVE MONTHS FOLLOWING POSTAPPROVAL.

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- 2. THE AMOUNT OF ANY ADDITIONAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT.
- 3. ANY CHANGES TO OR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROJECT SINCE THE DATE OF POSTAPPROVAL.
- H. WITHIN SIXTY MONTHS AFTER POSTAPPROVAL UNDER SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION, IF THE COUNCIL DETERMINES THAT A PERSON THAT RECEIVED A TAX CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION, THE COUNCIL SHALL TERMINATE, ADJUST OR RECAPTURE ALL OR PART OF THE TAX CREDIT. THE COUNCIL SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE CONDITIONS OF NONCOMPLIANCE. THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ALSO TERMINATE THE APPROVAL OF THE CREDIT IF IT OBTAINS INFORMATION INDICATING A FAILURE TO QUALIFY AND COMPLY. THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY REQUIRE THE PERSON TO:
- 1. FILE APPROPRIATE AMENDED TAX RETURNS REFLECTING THE RECAPTURE OF THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT ACTUALLY APPLIED TO REDUCE STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY.
- 2. PAY A PENALTY OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT OF THE AMOUNT OF THE APPLIED CREDIT PER MONTH ELAPSING FROM THE DATE THE PENALTY IS ASSESSED UNTIL IT IS PAID, EXCEPT THAT THE TOTAL PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT.
- I. THE COUNCIL, WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PUBLISH AND PRESCRIBE FORMS AND PROCEDURES AS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.
 - J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
 - 1. "BASE INVESTMENT" MEANS THE BUDGET FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.
- 2. "MOTION PICTURE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT", "INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT" AND "PROJECT":
- (a) MEANS SOUNDSTAGES AND SUPPORT AND AUGMENTATION FACILITIES THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED IN THIS STATE AND PRIMARILY USED FOR MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION.
- (b) DOES NOT INCLUDE MOTION PICTURE THEATERS AND OTHER COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION FACILITIES.
- 3. "SOUNDSTAGE" MEANS A PERMANENT FACILITY IN THIS STATE OF ONE OR MORE SETS OR STAGES USED PRIMARILY FOR STAGING AND FILMING MOTION PICTURES AND ANY LAND, PERMANENT BUILDINGS OR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT THAT IS IN OR ADJACENT TO, AND IS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF, A SOUNDSTAGE.
- 4. "SUPPORT AND AUGMENTATION FACILITIES" MEANS PERMANENT FACILITIES IN THIS STATE THAT ARE USED TO COMPLEMENT MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION NEEDS AND COMPLEMENT THE MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION.
- 5. "SURETY BOND" MEANS AN EXECUTED WRITTEN CONTRACT, ISSUED BY AN INSURANCE COMPANY WITH AN INSURANCE INDUSTRY RATING OF B+ OR BETTER BY A.M. BEST COMPANY GUARANTYING TO THE FINANCIERS OF THE PROJECT THAT IT WILL BE COMPLETED ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE PREAPPROVED APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE PRODUCTION COMPANY IN ITS APPLICATION.
 - 41-535. Confidential taxpayer information

ANY INFORMATION GATHERED FROM MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 41-533, OR APPLICANTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVES

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FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 41-534, SHALL BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL TAXPAYER INFORMATION AND SHALL BE DISCLOSED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 42-2003, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 12, EXCEPT THAT THE COUNCIL SHALL PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT:

- 1. THE NAME OF EACH MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY AND INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICANT AND THE AMOUNT OF INCOME TAX CREDITS PREAPPROVED FOR EACH PRODUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT.
 - 2. THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS APPROVED WITH RESPECT TO EACH PRODUCTION.
- Sec. 3. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-3019.01, to read:

41-3019.01. <u>Arizona film office advisory council; termination</u>
July 1, 2019

- A. THE ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL TERMINATES ON JULY 1, 2019.
 - B. TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3 IS REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2020.
 - Sec. 4. Section 42-2003, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-2003. <u>Authorized disclosure of confidential information</u>
 - A. Confidential information relating to:
- 1. A taxpayer may be disclosed to the taxpayer, its successor in interest or a designee of the taxpayer who is authorized in writing by the taxpayer. A principal corporate officer of a parent corporation may execute a written authorization for a controlled subsidiary.
- 2. A corporate taxpayer may be disclosed to any principal officer, any person designated by a principal officer or any person designated in a resolution by the corporate board of directors or other similar governing body.
- 3. A partnership may be disclosed to any partner of the partnership. This exception does not include disclosure of confidential information of a particular partner unless otherwise authorized.
- 4. An estate may be disclosed to the personal representative of the estate and to any heir, next of kin or beneficiary under the will of the decedent if the department finds that the heir, next of kin or beneficiary has a material interest which will be affected by the confidential information.
- 5. A trust may be disclosed to the trustee or trustees, jointly or separately, and to the grantor or any beneficiary of the trust if the department finds that the grantor or beneficiary has a material interest which will be affected by the confidential information.
- 6. Any taxpayer may be disclosed if the taxpayer has waived any rights to confidentiality either in writing or on the record in any administrative or judicial proceeding.
- 7. The name and taxpayer identification numbers of persons issued direct payment permits may be publicly disclosed.
 - B. Confidential information may be disclosed to:

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- 1. Any employee of the department whose official duties involve tax administration.
- 2. The office of the attorney general solely for its use in preparation for, or in an investigation which may result in, any proceeding involving tax administration before the department or any other agency or board of this state, or before any grand jury or any state or federal court.
- 3. The department of liquor licenses and control for its use in determining whether a spirituous liquor licensee has paid all transaction privilege taxes and affiliated excise taxes incurred as a result of the sale of spirituous liquor, as defined in section 4-101, at the licensed establishment and imposed on the licensed establishments by this state and its political subdivisions.
- 4. Other state tax officials whose official duties require the disclosure for proper tax administration purposes if the information is sought in connection with an investigation or any other proceeding conducted by the official. Any disclosure is limited to information of a taxpayer who is being investigated or who is a party to a proceeding conducted by the official.
- 5. The following agencies, officials and organizations, if they grant substantially similar privileges to the department for the type of information being sought, pursuant to statute and a written agreement between the department and the foreign country, agency, state, Indian tribe or organization:
- (a) The United States internal revenue service, alcohol and tobacco tax and trade bureau of the United States treasury, United States bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and explosives of the United States department of justice, United States drug enforcement agency and federal bureau of investigation.
 - (b) A state tax official of another state.
- (c) An organization of states, federation of tax administrators or multistate tax commission that operates an information exchange for tax administration purposes.
- (d) An agency, official or organization of a foreign country with responsibilities that are comparable to those listed in subdivision (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph.
- (e) An agency, official or organization of an Indian tribal government with responsibilities comparable to the responsibilities of the agencies, officials or organizations identified in subdivision (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph.
- 6. The auditor general, in connection with any audit of the department subject to the restrictions in section 42-2002, subsection D.
- 7. Any person to the extent necessary for effective tax administration in connection with:
- (a) The processing, storage, transmission, destruction and reproduction of the information.

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- (b) The programming, maintenance, repair, testing and procurement of equipment for purposes of tax administration.
- 8. The office of administrative hearings relating to taxes administered by the department pursuant to section 42-1101, but the department shall not disclose any confidential information:
 - (a) Regarding income tax, withholding tax or estate tax.
- (b) On any tax issue relating to information associated with the reporting of income tax, withholding tax or estate tax.
- 9. The United States treasury inspector general for tax administration for the purpose of reporting a violation of internal revenue code section 7213A (26 United States Code section 7213A), unauthorized inspection of returns or return information.
- 10. The financial management service of the United States treasury department for use in the treasury offset program.
- 11. The United States treasury department or its authorized agent for use in the state income tax levy program and in the electronic federal tax payment system.
- 12. The department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL for its use in:
- (a) Qualifying motion picture production companies for the tax incentives provided for motion picture production under chapter 5 of this title and sections 43-1075 and 43-1163.
- (b) Fulfilling its annual reporting responsibility pursuant to section $\frac{41-1517}{100}$, subsections S and T $\frac{41-532}{100}$, SUBSECTION H, SECTION $\frac{41-533}{100}$, SUBSECTION R AND SECTION $\frac{41-535}{100}$.
- (c) Qualifying applicants for the motion picture infrastructure project tax credits under sections 43-1075.01 and 43-1163.01.
 - 13. A prosecutor for purposes of section 32-1164, subsection C.
- 14. The state fire marshal for use in determining compliance with and enforcing title 41, chapter 16, article 3.1.
- C. Confidential information may be disclosed in any state or federal judicial or administrative proceeding pertaining to tax administration pursuant to the following conditions:
 - 1. One or more of the following circumstances must apply:
 - (a) The taxpayer is a party to the proceeding.
- (b) The proceeding arose out of, or in connection with, determining the taxpayer's civil or criminal liability, or the collection of the taxpayer's civil liability, with respect to any tax imposed under this title or title 43.
- (c) The treatment of an item reflected on the taxpayer's return is directly related to the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.
- (d) Return information directly relates to a transactional relationship between a person who is a party to the proceeding and the taxpayer and directly affects the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.

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- 2. Confidential information may not be disclosed under this subsection if the disclosure is prohibited by section 42-2002, subsection C or D.
- D. Identity information may be disclosed for purposes of notifying persons entitled to tax refunds if the department is unable to locate the persons after reasonable effort.
- E. The department, upon the request of any person, shall provide the names and addresses of bingo licensees as defined in section 5-401, verify whether or not a person has a privilege license and number, a distributor's license and number or a withholding license and number or disclose the information to be posted on the department's web site or otherwise publicly accessible pursuant to section 42-1124, subsection F and section 42-3201, subsection A.
- F. A department employee, in connection with the official duties relating to any audit, collection activity or civil or criminal investigation, may disclose return information to the extent that disclosure is necessary to obtain information which is not otherwise reasonably available. These official duties include the correct determination of and liability for tax, the amount to be collected or the enforcement of other state tax revenue laws.
- G. If an organization is exempt from this state's income tax as provided in section 43-1201 for any taxable year, the name and address of the organization and the application filed by the organization upon which the department made its determination for exemption together with any papers submitted in support of the application and any letter or document issued by the department concerning the application are open to public inspection.
- H. Confidential information relating to transaction privilege tax, use tax, severance tax, jet fuel excise and use tax and rental occupancy tax may be disclosed to any county, city or town tax official if the information relates to a taxpayer who is or may be taxable by the county, city or town. Any taxpayer information released by the department to the county, city or town:
 - 1. May only be used for internal purposes.
- 2. May not be disclosed to the public in any manner that does not comply with confidentiality standards established by the department. The county, city or town shall agree in writing with the department that any release of confidential information that violates the confidentiality standards adopted by the department will result in the immediate suspension of any rights of the county, city or town to receive taxpayer information under this subsection.
- I. The department may disclose statistical information gathered from confidential information if it does not disclose confidential information attributable to any one taxpayer. In order to comply with the requirements of section 42-5029, subsection A, paragraph 3, the department may disclose to the state treasurer statistical information gathered from confidential

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information, even if it discloses confidential information attributable to a taxpayer.

- J. The department may disclose the aggregate amounts of any tax credit, tax deduction or tax exemption enacted after January 1, 1994. Information subject to disclosure under this subsection shall not be disclosed if a taxpayer demonstrates to the department that such information would give an unfair advantage to competitors.
- K. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection C, confidential information, described in section 42-2001, paragraph 2, subdivision (a), item (iii), may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement purposes.
- L. The department may provide transaction privilege tax license information to property tax officials in a county for the purpose of identification and verification of the tax status of commercial property.
- M. The department may provide transaction privilege tax, luxury tax, use tax, property tax and severance tax information to the ombudsman-citizens aide pursuant to title 41, chapter 8, article 5.
- N. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection D, a court may order the department to disclose confidential information pertaining to a party to an action. An order shall be made only upon a showing of good cause and that the party seeking the information has made demand upon the taxpayer for the information.
- O. This section does not prohibit the disclosure by the department of any information or documents submitted to the department by a bingo licensee. Before disclosing the information the department shall obtain the name and address of the person requesting the information.
- P. If the department is required or permitted to disclose confidential information, it may charge the person or agency requesting the information for the reasonable cost of its services.
- Q. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection D, the department of revenue shall release confidential information as requested by the department of economic security pursuant to section 42-1122 or 46-291. Information disclosed under this subsection is limited to the same type of information that the United States internal revenue service is authorized to disclose under section 6103(1)(6) of the internal revenue code.
- R. Except as provided in section 42-2002, subsection D, the department of revenue shall release confidential information as requested by the courts and clerks of the court pursuant to section 42-1122.
- S. To comply with the requirements of section 42-5031, the department may disclose to the state treasurer, to the county stadium district board of directors and to any city or town tax official that is part of the county stadium district confidential information attributable to a taxpayer's business activity conducted in the county stadium district.
- T. The department shall release confidential information as requested by the attorney general for purposes of determining compliance with and

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enforcing section 44-7101, the master settlement agreement referred to therein and subsequent agreements to which the state is a party that amend or implement the master settlement agreement. Information disclosed under this subsection is limited to luxury tax information relating to tobacco manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers and retailers and information collected by the department pursuant to section 44-7101(2)(j).

- U. For proceedings before the department, the office of administrative hearings, the board of tax appeals or any state or federal court involving penalties that were assessed against a return preparer or electronic return preparer pursuant to section 42-1103.02 or 42-1125.01, confidential information may be disclosed only before the judge or administrative law judge adjudicating the proceeding, the parties to the proceeding and the parties' representatives in the proceeding prior to its introduction into evidence in the proceeding. The confidential information may be introduced as evidence in the proceeding only if the taxpayer's name, the names of any dependents listed on the return, all social security numbers, the taxpayer's address, the taxpayer's signature and any attachments containing any of the foregoing information are redacted and if either:
- 1. The treatment of an item reflected on such return is or may be related to the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.
- 2. Such return or return information relates or may relate to a transactional relationship between a person who is a party to the proceeding and the taxpayer which directly affects the resolution of an issue in the proceeding.
- V. The department may disclose to the attorney general confidential information received under section 44-7111 and requested by the attorney general for purposes of determining compliance with and enforcing section 44-7111. The department and attorney general shall share with each other the information received under section 44-7111, and may share the information with other federal, state or local agencies only for the purposes of enforcement of section 44-7101, section 44-7111 or corresponding laws of other states.
 - Sec. 5. Section 42-5009, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 42-5009. Certificates establishing deductions; liability for making false certificate
- A. A person who conducts any business classified under article 2 of this chapter may establish entitlement to the allowable deductions from the tax base of that business by both:
- 1. Marking the invoice for the transaction to indicate that the gross proceeds of sales or gross income derived from the transaction was deducted from the tax base.
- 2. Obtaining a certificate executed by the purchaser indicating the name and address of the purchaser, the precise nature of the business of the purchaser, the purpose for which the purchase was made, the necessary facts to establish the appropriate deduction and the tax license number of the

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purchaser to the extent the deduction depends on the purchaser conducting business classified under article 2 of this chapter and a certification that the person executing the certificate is authorized to do so on behalf of the purchaser. The certificate may be disregarded if the seller has reason to believe that the information contained in the certificate is not accurate or complete.

- B. A person who does not comply with subsection A of this section may establish entitlement to the deduction by presenting facts necessary to support the entitlement, but the burden of proof is on that person.
- C. The department may prescribe a form for the certificate described in subsection A of this section. Under such rules as it may prescribe, the department may also describe transactions with respect to which a person is not entitled to rely solely on the information contained in the certificate provided for in subsection A of this section but must instead obtain such additional information as required by the rules in order to be entitled to the deduction.
- D. If a seller is entitled to a deduction by complying with subsection A of this section, the department may require the purchaser which caused the execution of the certificate to establish the accuracy and completeness of the information required to be contained in the certificate which would entitle the seller to the deduction. If the purchaser cannot establish the accuracy and completeness of the information, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest which the seller would have been required to pay under this article if the seller had not complied with subsection A of this section. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter. The amount shall be treated as tax revenues collected from the seller in order to designate the distribution base for purposes of section 42-5029.
- E. If a seller is entitled to a deduction by complying with subsection B of this section, the department may require the purchaser to establish the accuracy and completeness of the information provided to the seller that entitled the seller to the deduction. If the purchaser cannot establish the accuracy and completeness of the information, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest that the seller would have been required to pay under this article if the seller had not complied with subsection B of this section. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter. The amount shall be treated as tax revenues collected from the seller in order to designate the distribution base for purposes of section 42-5029.
- F. The department may prescribe a form for a certificate used to establish entitlement to the deductions described in section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 47 and section 42-5063, subsection B, paragraph 3. Under rules the department may prescribe, the department may also require

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additional information for the seller to be entitled to the deduction. If a seller is entitled to the deductions described in section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 47 and section 42-5063, subsection B, paragraph 3, the department may require the purchaser who executed the certificate to establish the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the certificate that would entitle the seller to the deduction. If the purchaser cannot establish the accuracy and completeness of the information, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest that the seller would have been required to pay under this article. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter. The amount shall be treated as tax revenues collected from the seller in order to designate the distribution base for purposes of section 42-5029.

- G. If a seller claims a deduction under section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 25 and establishes entitlement to the deduction with an exemption letter that the purchaser received from the department and the exemption letter was based on a contingent event, the department may require the purchaser that received the exemption letter to establish the satisfaction of the contingent event within a reasonable time. If the purchaser cannot establish the satisfaction of the event, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest that the seller would have been required to pay under this article if the seller had not been furnished the exemption letter. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter. The amount shall be treated as tax revenues collected from the seller in order to designate the distribution base for purposes of section 42-5029. For the purposes of this subsection, "reasonable time" means a time limitation that the department determines and that does not exceed the time limitations pursuant to section 42-1104.
- H. From and after December 31, 2005 through December 31, $\frac{2010}{2025}$, the department shall prescribe a form for a certificate used to establish entitlement to the deductions described in section 42-5061, subsection B, paragraph 23, section 42-5066, subsection B, paragraph 5, section 42-5070, subsection C, paragraph 2, section 42-5074, subsection B, paragraph 10, section 42-5075, subsection B, paragraph 20 and section 42-5159, subsection B, paragraph 23 relating to motion picture production. The certificate is effective for twelve consecutive calendar months from and after the date of issuance and is subject to the following requirements and conditions:
- 1. A motion picture production company as defined in section $\frac{41-1517}{41-531}$ may use a certificate issued pursuant to this subsection only with respect to production costs described in section $\frac{41-1517}{41-533}$, subsection A, paragraph 2 that are subject to taxation under article 2 or 4 of this chapter.
- 2. The department shall issue the certificate to a motion picture production company on receiving the company's letter of qualification from

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the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

- 3. The department shall not issue a certificate to a motion picture production company that has a delinquent tax balance owing to the department under this title or title 43.
- 4. If the department determines that a motion picture production company no longer qualifies for a certificate or has used the certificate for unauthorized purposes, the department shall revoke the certificate and the motion picture production company is liable for an amount equal to the transaction privilege and use taxes that would have been due on taxable transactions during the time the company did not qualify for or improperly used the certificate, with interest and penalties as provided by law.
- 5. The department shall maintain annual data on the total amount of monies exempted through the use of certificates issued pursuant to this subsection and shall provide those data to the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL on request.
- 6. The department of revenue, with the cooperation of the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, shall adopt rules and publish and prescribe forms and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subsection.
- 7. If, after audit, the department determines that a motion picture production company failed to meet any of the requirements prescribed by this subsection, any deductions from taxation from the use of the certificate are subject to recapture and payment by the motion picture production company to the department.
- I. The department shall prescribe forms for certificates used to establish the satisfaction of the criteria necessary to qualify the sale of a motor vehicle for the deductions described in section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 14, paragraph 28, subdivision (a) and paragraph 45 and subsection U. To establish entitlement to these deductions, a motor vehicle dealer shall retain:
- 1. A valid certificate as prescribed by this subsection completed by the purchaser and obtained prior to the issuance of the nonresident registration permit authorized by section 28-2154.
- 2. A copy of the nonresident registration permit authorized by section 28-2154.
- 3. A legible copy of a current valid driver license issued to the purchaser by another state or foreign country that indicates an address outside of this state. For the sale of a motor vehicle to a nonresident entity, the entity's representative must have a current valid driver license issued by the same jurisdiction as that in which the entity is located.
- 4. For the purposes of the deduction provided by section 42-5061, subsection A, paragraph 14, a certificate documenting the delivery of the motor vehicle to an out-of-state location.

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- J. Notwithstanding subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section, if a motor vehicle dealer has established entitlement to a deduction by complying with subsection I of this section, the department may require the purchaser who executed the certificate to establish the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the certificate that entitled the motor vehicle dealer to the deduction. If the purchaser cannot establish the accuracy and completeness of the information, the purchaser is liable in an amount equal to any tax, penalty and interest that the motor vehicle dealer would have been required to pay under this article and under articles IV and V of the model city tax code as defined in section 42-6051. Payment of the amount under this subsection exempts the purchaser from liability for any tax imposed under article 4 of this chapter and any tax imposed under article VI of the model city tax code as defined in section 42-6051. The amount shall be treated as tax revenues collected from the motor vehicle dealer in order to designate the distribution base for purposes of section 42-5029.
- K. Notwithstanding any other law, compliance with subsection I of this section by a motor vehicle dealer entitles the motor vehicle dealer to the exemption provided in section 42-6004, subsection A, paragraph 4.

Sec. 6. Section 43-1075, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-1075. Credit for motion picture production costs: definitions

A. Beginning from and after December 31, 2005 through December 31, $\frac{2010}{2025}$, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for motion picture production costs paid by a motion picture production company in this state that are directly attributable to the production of one or more motion pictures in this state. The amount of the credit is equal to a percentage of the amount of motion picture production costs paid in this state as follows:

 Production costs
 Percentage credit

 \$250,000 - \$1,000,000
 20%

 More than \$1,000,000
 30%

- B. The department shall not allow in any year tax credits that exceed the aggregate amount prescribed in section $\frac{41-1517}{41-533}$.
- C. The department shall not allow a credit under this section to a taxpayer who has a delinquent tax balance owing to the department under this title or title 42.
- D. To qualify for a credit under this section, the motion picture production company must:
 - 1. Employ residents of this state in production as follows:
- (a) In 2006, twenty-five per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.
- (b) In 2007, thirty-five per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.
- (c) In 2008 and every subsequent taxable year, fifty per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.

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- (d) IN 2009 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT TAXABLE YEAR, AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THIS STATE MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
- 2. Include in the production credits for each commercial motion picture, other than a commercial advertisement or music video, an acknowledgement that the production was filmed in Arizona.
- 3. Receive preapproval and postapproval from the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL pursuant to section 41-1517 41-533.
- E. Beginning with tax credits allocated for 2006 pursuant to section 41-1517, subsection J, A motion picture production company, at its expense, may voluntarily enter into a limited managed audit agreement pursuant to title 42, chapter 2, article 7 that includes an audit of its production costs and other requirements prescribed by section 41-1517 41-533 and by this section to confirm the amount of any credit under this section. The request to enter into the audit must be made after the motion picture production company receives postcertification for the credit pursuant to section 41-1517 The audit must be conducted by the taxpayer's 41-533. subsection 0. authorized representative, as defined by section 42-2301, who is an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state. certified public accountant and the firm the certified public accountant is affiliated with shall not regularly perform services for the motion picture production company or its affiliates. If the director accepts the findings of the audit and issues a notice of determination pursuant to section 42-2303 and the taxpayer timely files its income tax return with the appropriate credit claim forms, the credit amount accepted is not subject to recapture, disallowance, reduction or denial with respect to either the motion picture production company or any subsequent transferee of the credit, and subsection H, paragraph 4 of this section does not apply. The director's notice of determination shall include a written certificate to the taxpayer stating the amount of the credit and that the credit is not subject to recapture from a transferee. This subsection does not prohibit the recapture of a credit from a motion picture production company if the company failed to disclose material information during the audit or falsified its books or records or otherwise engaged in an action that prevented an accurate audit.
- F. Co-owners of a motion picture production company, including partners in a partnership, members of a limited liability company and shareholders of an S corporation as defined in section 1361 of the internal revenue code, may allocate the credit allowed under this section among the co-owners on any basis without regard to their proportional ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners of the motion picture production company may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the company.
- G. If the allowable tax credit for a taxpayer exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no

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taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.

- H. All or part of any unclaimed amount of credit under this section may be sold or otherwise transferred under the following conditions:
- 1. A single sale or transfer may involve one or more transferees, and a transferee may in turn resell or transfer the credit subject to the same conditions of this subsection.
- 2. Both the transferor and transferee must submit a written notice of the transfer to the department within thirty days after the sale or transfer. The transferee's notice shall include a processing fee equal to one per cent of the transferee's tax credit balance or two hundred dollars, whichever is less. The notice shall include:
 - (a) The name of the motion picture production company.
 - (b) The date of the transfer.
 - (c) The amount of the transfer.
- (d) The transferor's tax credit balance before the transfer and the remaining balance after the transfer.
 - (e) All tax identification numbers for both transferor and transferee.
 - (f) Any other information required by rule.
- 3. A sale or transfer of the credit does not extend the time in which the credit can be used.
- 4. Except as provided by subsection E of this section, if a transferor was not qualified or was disqualified from using the credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the credit claimed by a transferee or recapture the credit from the transferee through any authorized collection method. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.
- 5. In the case of any failure to comply with this subsection, the department shall disallow the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance.
- I. The department shall maintain annual data on the total amount of monies credited pursuant to this section, and shall provide those data to the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL on request.
- J. The department, with the cooperation of the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, shall adopt rules and publish and prescribe forms and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.
- K. A taxpayer who claims a credit for motion picture costs under this section shall not claim a credit under section 43-1075.01 for the same costs.
- L. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any allowance for state tax purposes of a deduction of those expenses allowed by the internal revenue code.
- M. For the purposes of this section, "commercial advertisement", "motion picture", "motion picture production company" and "music video" have

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the same meanings prescribed in section 41–1517 FOR THE PURPOSES OF TITLE 41, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3.

Sec. 7. Section 43-1075.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1075.01. <u>Credit for motion picture infrastructure projects:</u> <u>definition</u>

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for investments in motion picture infrastructure projects in this state as provided by section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$. The amount of the credit is fifteen per cent of the total base investment in the project during the taxable year as approved and reported by the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL pursuant to section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$, subsection F. The taxpayer may apply the credit against income taxes for the taxable year in which the motion picture infrastructure project is completed as provided by section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$, subsection F.
 - B. The department shall not allow:
- 1. Tax credits for any taxable year under this section and section 43-1163.01 that would violate the aggregate limits prescribed by section 41-1517.01 41-534, subsection C.
- 2. A tax credit under this section to a taxpayer who has a delinquent tax balance owing to the department under this title or title 42.
- C. An applicant, at its expense, may voluntarily enter into a limited managed audit agreement pursuant to title 42, chapter 2, article 7 that includes an audit of its base investment and other requirements prescribed by section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$ and by this section to confirm the amount of any credit under this section. The request to enter into the audit must be made after the applicant receives approval for the credit pursuant to section $\frac{41-1517.01}{1}$ 41-534, subsection F. The audit must be conducted by the applicant's authorized representative, as defined in section 42-2301, who is an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state. The certified public accountant and the firm the certified public accountant is affiliated with shall not regularly perform services for the taxpayer or its affiliates. If the director accepts the findings of the audit and issues a notice of determination pursuant to section 42-2303 and the taxpayer timely files its income tax return with the appropriate credit claim forms, the credit amount accepted is not subject to recapture, disallowance, reduction or denial with respect to either the taxpayer or any subsequent transferee of the credit, and subsection F, paragraph 4 of this section does not apply. The director's notice of determination shall include a written certificate to the taxpayer stating the amount of the credit and that the credit is not subject to recapture from a transferee. This subsection does not prevent the recapture of a credit if the taxpayer failed to disclose material information during the audit or falsified its books or records or otherwise engaged in an action that prevented an accurate audit.

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- D. Co-owners of a business, including partners in a partnership, members of a limited liability company and shareholders of an S corporation as defined in section 1361 of the internal revenue code, may allocate the credit allowed under this section among the co-owners on any basis without regard to their proportional ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the company.
- E. If the allowable tax credit for a taxpayer exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- F. All or part of any unclaimed amount of credit under this section may be sold or otherwise transferred under the following conditions:
- 1. A single sale or transfer may involve one or more transferees, and a transferee may in turn resell or transfer the credit subject to the same conditions of this subsection.
- 2. Both the transferor and transferee must submit a written notice of the transfer to the department within thirty days after the sale or transfer. The transferee's notice shall include a processing fee equal to one per cent of the transferee's tax credit balance or two hundred dollars, whichever is less. The notice shall include:
 - (a) The name of the taxpayer.
 - (b) The date of the transfer.
 - (c) The amount of the transfer.
- (d) The transferor's tax credit balance before the transfer and the remaining balance after the transfer.
 - (e) All tax identification numbers for both transferor and transferee.
 - (f) Any other information required by rule.
- 3. A sale or transfer of the credit does not extend the time in which the credit can be used. The carryforward period of time under subsection E of this section for a credit that is sold or transferred begins on the date the credit was originally earned.
- 4. Except as provided by subsection C of this section, if a transferor was not qualified or was disqualified from using the credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the credit claimed by a transferee or recapture the credit from the transferee through any authorized collection method. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.
- 5. In the case of any failure to comply with this subsection, the department shall disallow the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance.
- G. The department of revenue shall maintain annual data on the total amount of monies credited pursuant to this section, and shall provide that data to the $\frac{\text{department of commerce}}{\text{department of commerce}}$ ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL on request.

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- H. The department of revenue, with the cooperation of the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, shall adopt rules and publish and prescribe forms and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.
- I. A taxpayer who claims a credit for motion picture infrastructure projects under this section shall not claim a credit under section 43-1075 for the same costs.
- J. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any allowance for state tax purposes of a deduction of those expenses allowed by the internal revenue code.
- K. For the purposes of this section, "motion picture infrastructure project" has the same meaning prescribed in section 41-1517.01 41-534.
 - Sec. 8. Section 43-1163, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 43-1163. Credit for motion picture production costs:

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- A. Beginning from and after December 31, 2005 through December 31, 2010 2025, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for motion picture production costs paid by a motion picture production company in this state that are directly attributable to the production of one or more motion pictures in this state. The amount of the credit is equal to a percentage of the amount of motion picture production costs paid in this state as follows:

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        Production costs
        Percentage credit

        $250,000 - $1,000,000
        20%

        More than $1,000,000
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- B. The department shall not allow in any year tax credits that exceed the aggregate amount prescribed in section $\frac{41-1517}{41-533}$.
- C. The department shall not allow a credit under this section to a taxpayer that has a delinquent tax balance owing to the department under this title or title 42.
- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{D}}.$ To qualify for a credit under this section, the motion picture production company must:
 - 1. Employ residents of this state in production as follows:
- (a) In 2006, twenty-five per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.
- (b) In 2007, thirty-five per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.
- (c) In 2008 and every subsequent taxable year, fifty per cent of full-time employees working in this state must be residents of this state.
- (d) IN 2009 AND EVERY SUBSEQUENT TAXABLE YEAR, AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THIS STATE MUST BE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
- 2. Include in the production credits for each commercial motion picture, other than a commercial advertisement or music video, an acknowledgement that the production was filmed in Arizona.

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- 3. Receive preapproval and postapproval from the $\frac{\text{department of commerce}}{\text{commerce}}$ ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL pursuant to section $\frac{41-1517}{41-533}$.
- E. Beginning with tax credits allocated for 2006 pursuant to section 41 1517, subsection J, A motion picture production company, at its expense, may voluntarily enter into a limited managed audit agreement pursuant to title 42, chapter 2, article 7 that includes an audit of its production costs and other requirements prescribed by section 41-1517 41-533 and by this section to confirm the amount of any credit under this section. The request to enter into the audit must be made after the motion picture production company receives postcertification for the credit pursuant to section 41-1517 The audit must be conducted by the taxpayer's 41-533, subsection 0. authorized representative, as defined by section 42-2301, who is an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state. certified public accountant and the firm the certified public accountant is affiliated with shall not regularly perform services for the motion picture production company or its affiliates. If the director accepts the findings of the audit and issues a notice of determination pursuant to section 42-2303 and the taxpayer timely files its income tax return with the appropriate credit claim forms, the credit amount accepted is not subject to recapture, disallowance, reduction or denial with respect to either the motion picture production company or any subsequent transferee of the credit, and subsection H, paragraph 4 of this section does not apply. The director's notice of determination shall include a written certificate to the taxpayer stating the amount of the credit and that the credit is not subject to recapture from a transferee. This subsection does not prohibit the recapture of a credit from a motion picture production company if the company failed to disclose material information during the audit or falsified its books or records or otherwise engaged in an action that prevented an accurate audit.
- F. Co-owners of a motion picture production company, including corporate partners in a partnership and members of a limited liability company, may allocate the credit allowed under this section among the co-owners on any basis without regard to their proportional ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners of the motion picture production company may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the company.
- G. If the allowable tax credit for a taxpayer exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- H. All or part of any unclaimed amount of credit under this section may be sold or otherwise transferred under the following conditions:

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- 1. A single sale or transfer may involve one or more transferees, and a transferee may in turn resell or transfer the credit subject to the same conditions of this subsection.
- 2. Both the transferor and transferee must submit a written notice of the transfer to the department within thirty days after the sale or transfer. The transferee's notice shall include a processing fee equal to one per cent of the transferee's tax credit balance or two hundred dollars, whichever is less. The notice shall include:
 - (a) The name of the motion picture production company.
 - (b) The date of the transfer.
 - (c) The amount of the transfer.
- (d) The transferor's tax credit balance before the transfer and the remaining balance after the transfer.
 - (e) All tax identification numbers for both transferor and transferee.
 - (f) Any other information required by rule.
- 3. A sale or transfer of the credit does not extend the time in which the credit can be used.
- 4. Except as provided by subsection E of this section, if a transferor was not qualified or was disqualified from using the credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the credit claimed by a transferee or recapture the credit from the transferee through any authorized collection method. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.
- 5. In the case of any failure to comply with this subsection, the department shall disallow the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance.
- I. The department shall maintain annual data on the total amount of monies credited pursuant to this section, and shall provide those data to the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL on request.
- J. The department, with the cooperation of the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, shall adopt rules and publish and prescribe forms and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.
- K. A taxpayer that claims a credit for motion picture costs under this section shall not claim a credit under section 43-1163.01 for the same costs.
- L. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any allowance for state tax purposes of a deduction of those expenses allowed by the internal revenue code.
- M. For the purposes of this section, "commercial advertisement", "motion picture", "motion picture production company" and "music video" have the same meanings prescribed $\frac{1}{1000} = \frac{1}{1000} = \frac$

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Sec. 9. Section 43-1163.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

43-1163.01. <u>Credit for motion picture infrastructure projects:</u> <u>definition</u>

- A. A credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by this title for investments in motion picture infrastructure projects in this state as provided by section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$. The amount of the credit is fifteen per cent of the total base investment in the project during the taxable year as approved and reported by the $\frac{\text{department of commerce}}{41-1517.01}$ Al-534, subsection F. The taxpayer may apply the credit against income taxes for the taxable year in which the motion picture infrastructure project is completed as provided by section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$, subsection F.
 - B. The department shall not allow:
- 1. Tax credits for any taxable year under this section and section 43-1075.01 that would violate the aggregate limits prescribed by section 41-1517.01 41-534, subsection C.
- 2. A tax credit under this section to a taxpayer that has a delinquent tax balance owing to the department under this title or title 42.
- C. An applicant, at its expense, may voluntarily enter into a limited managed audit agreement pursuant to title 42, chapter 2, article 7 that includes an audit of its base investment and other requirements prescribed by section 41-1517.01 41-534 and by this section to confirm the amount of any credit under this section. The request to enter into the audit must be made after the applicant receives approval for the credit pursuant to section $\frac{41-1517.01}{1}$ 41-534, subsection F. The audit must be conducted by the applicant's authorized representative, as defined in section 42-2301, who is an independent certified public accountant licensed in this state. certified public accountant and the firm the certified public accountant is affiliated with shall not regularly perform services for the taxpayer or its affiliates. If the director accepts the findings of the audit and issues a notice of determination pursuant to section 42-2303 and the taxpayer timely files its income tax return with the appropriate credit claim forms, the credit amount accepted is not subject to recapture, disallowance, reduction or denial with respect to either the taxpayer or any subsequent transferee of the credit, and subsection F, paragraph 4 of this section does not apply. The director's notice of determination shall include a written certificate to the taxpayer stating the amount of the credit and that the credit is not subject to recapture from a transferee. This subsection does not prevent the recapture of a credit if the taxpayer failed to disclose material information during the audit or falsified its books or records or otherwise engaged in an action that prevented an accurate audit.
- D. Co-owners of a business, including corporate partners in a partnership and members of a limited liability company, may allocate the credit allowed under this section among the co-owners on any basis without

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regard to their proportional ownership interest. The total of the credits allowed all such owners may not exceed the amount that would have been allowed for a sole owner of the company.

- E. If the allowable tax credit for a taxpayer exceeds the taxes otherwise due under this title on the claimant's income, or if there are no taxes due under this title, the taxpayer may carry the amount of the claim not used to offset the taxes under this title forward for not more than five consecutive taxable years' income tax liability.
- F. All or part of any unclaimed amount of credit under this section may be sold or otherwise transferred under the following conditions:
- 1. A single sale or transfer may involve one or more transferees, and a transferee may in turn resell or transfer the credit subject to the same conditions of this subsection.
- 2. Both the transferor and transferee must submit a written notice of the transfer to the department within thirty days after the sale or transfer. The transferee's notice shall include a processing fee equal to one per cent of the transferee's tax credit balance or two hundred dollars, whichever is less. The notice shall include:
 - (a) The name of the taxpayer.
 - (b) The date of the transfer.
 - (c) The amount of the transfer.
- (d) The transferor's tax credit balance before the transfer and the remaining balance after the transfer.
 - (e) All tax identification numbers for both transferor and transferee.
 - (f) Any other information required by rule.
- 3. A sale or transfer of the credit does not extend the time in which the credit can be used. The carryforward period of time under subsection E of this section for a credit that is sold or transferred begins on the date the credit was originally earned.
- 4. Except as provided by subsection C of this section, if a transferor was not qualified or was disqualified from using the credit at the time of the transfer, the department shall either disallow the credit claimed by a transferee or recapture the credit from the transferee through any authorized collection method. The transferee's recourse is against the transferor.
- 5. In the case of any failure to comply with this subsection, the department shall disallow the tax credit until the taxpayer is in full compliance.
- G. The department of revenue shall maintain annual data on the total amount of monies credited pursuant to this section, and shall provide that data to the $\frac{\text{department of commerce}}{\text{department of commerce}}$ ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL on request.
- H. The department of revenue, with the cooperation of the department of commerce ARIZONA FILM OFFICE ADVISORY COUNCIL, shall adopt rules and publish and prescribe forms and procedures as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

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- I. A taxpayer that claims a credit for motion picture infrastructure projects under this section shall not claim a credit under section 43-1163 for the same costs.
- J. The credit allowed by this section is in lieu of any allowance for state tax purposes of a deduction of those expenses allowed by the internal revenue code.
- K. For the purposes of this section, "motion picture infrastructure project" has the same meaning prescribed in section $\frac{41-1517.01}{41-534}$.

Sec. 10. Succession

- A. As provided by this act the Arizona film office advisory council succeeds to the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities of the department of commerce relating to motion picture production and infrastructure tax incentives.
- B. This act does not alter the effect of any action or impair the valid obligations of the department of commerce taken before the effective date of this act.
- C. Administrative rules and orders adopted by the department of commerce relating to motion picture production and infrastructure tax incentives continue in effect until superseded by administrative action by the Arizona film office advisory council.
- D. All administrative matters, contracts and preapproval and postapproval determinations, whether completed, pending or in process, of the department of commerce relating to motion picture production and infrastructure tax incentives on the effective date of the act are transferred to and retain the same status with the Arizona film office advisory council.
- E. All records, data and findings and all appropriated monies that remain unexpended and unencumbered on the effective date of this act of the department of commerce relating to motion picture production and infrastructure tax incentives are transferred to the Arizona film office advisory council.
- F. All personnel who are under the state personnel system and employed by the department of commerce relating to motion picture production and infrastructure tax incentives are transferred to comparable positions and pay classification in the Arizona film office advisory council on the effective date of this act.

Sec. 11. Purpose

Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection E, Arizona Revised Statutes, the purpose of the Arizona film office advisory council is to promote motion picture production activity in this state and to receive and evaluate applications for motion picture tax incentives.

Sec. 12. Retroactivity

This act is effective from and after December 31, 2009 but applies retroactively to taxable years beginning from and after December 31, 2008.

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